

JUDICIAL BRANCH

The 2004-05 Governor's Budget includes a total of \$2.9 billion (\$1.6 billion General Fund) for the Judicial Branch:

(Dollars in Millions)

	Total	General Fund
State Judiciary	\$374	\$303
State Trial Court Funding	2,218	1,116
Commission on Judicial Performance	4	4
Judges' Retirement Costs	276	147

For the Judiciary, the 2004-05 Governor's Budget reflects total expenditures of \$374 million. Specifically, the Judiciary's budget includes the following adjustments:

- An unallocated General Fund reduction of \$9.8 million in 2004-05.
- An increase of \$235,000, of which \$180,000 is one-time, from the Court Interpreter Fund to address increased costs of certification activities.

For the Commission on Judicial Performance, the 2004-05 Governor's Budget reflects total expenditures of \$3.9 million, which reflects continuation of the current level of funding.



For State Trial Court Funding, the Budget reflects total expenditures of \$2.2 billion. For the trial courts, the Budget includes the following adjustments:

- An unallocated General Fund reduction of \$59 million in 2004-05.
- An increase of \$2.6 million General Fund associated with a statutory requirement to reimburse trial courts for costs related to hearings of trials for crimes committed in a State prison. An associated reduction was made in the California Department of Corrections budget.

In addition, the Administration would support the Judicial Branch in efforts to restructure court operations to provide greater State-level participation in local court labor negotiations, the provision of court security, and employees benefits to allow courts to have more control over major cost drivers, improve consistency in how funding is spent in courts throughout the state, and ensure that court services are provided at a consistent and adequate level.